

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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PERMISSION TO PRIVATE MOBILE SUBSCRIBERS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allow private mobile subscribers to roam on its own networks;
- (b) if so, the expected revenue loss to the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to recoup such revenue losses ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) As per the provisions of the access services licence agreements, all the licensees including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), are free to enter an agreement with other service provider(s) for providing roaming facility to the subscribers.
- (b) Government gets the revenue by way of license fee paid by the service providers as applicable under the respective licence agreement.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.